

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows. This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the Application.

1. (currently amended) A computer-implemented method for enabling users to access a computer system, comprising:

authorizing access to a computer system by a user in response to  
determining the user is a non-local user with respect to the computer  
system, wherein said authorizing access includes successfully  
verifying that the user has an active shared directory account  
associated with the computer system;

selecting a universal local user account of ~~[[a]]~~the computer system  
dependent upon said shared directory account~~user account selection~~  
~~information of the user~~, wherein the universal local user account has  
access privilege on the computer system; and

mapping the user to the universal local user account, wherein said  
mapping enables access to the computer system in accordance with an  
access privilege level corresponding to the universal local user  
account.

2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein selecting the universal local user  
account of the computer system dependent upon said shared directory account  
includes determining at least one of directory services group membership information  
associated with said shared directory account and access privilege information  
associated with said shared directory account.

3. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein said selecting the universal user account  
includes correlating a universal local user account access level to a corresponding  
group membership of the user.

4. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein:  
the universal local user account is one of a plurality of universal local user accounts; and  
each one of said universal local user accounts has a respective access privilege level associated therewith.
5. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
creating said plurality of universal local user accounts prior to performing said selecting,  
wherein each one of said universal local user access accounts has a respective access privilege level associated therewith.
6. (cancelled)
7. (cancelled)
8. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein several users can be simultaneously mapped to the universal local user account for enabling simultaneous access by each one of said users to the computer system.

9. (currently amended) A computer-implemented method for enabling users to access a computer system, comprising:

determining that a user of a computer system is a non-local status of a user  
with respect to ~~[[a]]~~the computer system; and  
associating the user with a universal local user account after said  
determining and after determining that the user has an active shared  
directory account associated with the computer system, wherein the  
universal local user account has access privilege on the computer  
system and wherein said associating enables access to the computer  
system in accordance with said access privilege corresponding to the  
universal local user account.

10. (currently amended) The method of claim 9, ~~further comprising: wherein~~

associating the user with the universal local user account includes  
determining at least one of directory services group membership  
information associated with said shared directory account and access  
privilege information associated with said shared directory account  
~~determining group membership affiliations of the user; wherein said~~  
~~associating is performed dependent upon said group membership~~  
~~affiliations of the user.~~

11. (original) The method of claim 9 wherein said associating includes correlating a universal local user account access level to a corresponding access level of a group membership of the user.

12. (original) The method of claim 9 wherein:

the universal local user account is one of a plurality of universal local user accounts; and

each one of said universal local user accounts has a respective access privilege level associated therewith.

13. (original) The method of claim 9, further comprising:  
creating said plurality of universal local user accounts prior to performing said selecting, wherein each one of said universal local user access accounts has a respective access privilege level associated therewith.
14. (canceled)
15. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~[[14]]~~13 wherein said user account selection information includes at least one of directory services group membership information and access privilege information.
16. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~[[14]]~~15 wherein said selecting the universal user account includes correlating a universal local user account access level to an access level of a group membership of the user.
17. (canceled)
18. (canceled)
19. (original) The method of claim 9 wherein several users can be simultaneously mapped to the universal local user account for enabling simultaneous access by each one of said users to the computer system.

20. (currently amended) A computer system, comprising:

at least one data processing device;

instructions processable by said at least one data processing device; and

an apparatus from which said instructions are accessible by said at least one data processing device;

wherein said instructions are configured for enabling said at least one data processing device to facilitate:

authorizing access to a computer system by a user in response to determining the user is a non-local user with respect to the computer system, wherein said authorizing access includes successfully verifying that the user has an active shared directory account associated with the computer system;

selecting a universal local user account of ~~[[a]]~~the computer system dependent upon said shared directory account~~user account~~  
~~selection information of the user~~, wherein the universal local user account has access privilege on the computer system; and  
mapping the user to the universal local user account, wherein said mapping enables access to the computer system in accordance with an access privilege level corresponding to the universal local user account.

21. (currently amended) The computer system of claim 20 wherein selecting the universal local user account of the computer system dependent upon said shared directory account includes determining at least one of directory services group membership information associated with said shared directory account and access privilege information associated with said shared directory account.

22. (original) The computer system of claim 20 wherein said selecting the universal user account includes correlating a universal local user account access level to a corresponding group membership of the user.

23. (original) The computer system of claim 20 wherein:  
the universal local user account is one of a plurality of universal local user accounts; and  
each one of said universal local user accounts has a respective access privilege level associated therewith.

24. (original) The computer system of claim 20 wherein said instructions are further configured for enabling said at least one data processing device to facilitate:  
creating said plurality of universal local user accounts prior to performing said selecting,  
wherein each one of said universal local user access accounts has a respective access privilege level associated therewith.

25. (canceled)

26. (canceled)

27. (original) The computer system of claim 20 wherein several users can be simultaneously mapped to the universal local user account for enabling simultaneous access by each one of said users to the computer system.

28. (currently amended) A computer system, comprising:
- at least one data processing device;
  - instructions processable by said at least one data processing device; and
  - an apparatus from which said instructions are accessible by said at least one data processing device;
- wherein said instructions are configured for enabling said at least one data processing device to facilitate:
- determining that a user of a computer system is a non-local status
  - ~~of a~~ user with respect to [[a]]the computer system; and
  - associating the user with a universal local user account after said
  - determining and after determining that the user has an active
  - shared directory account associated with the computer system,
  - wherein the universal local user account has access privilege on
  - the computer system and wherein said associating enables
  - access to the computer system in accordance with said access
  - privilege corresponding to the universal local user account.
29. (currently amended) The computer system of claim 28 wherein ~~said instructions are further configured for enabling said at least one data processing device to facilitate:~~
- associating the user with the universal local user account includes determining at least
  - one of directory services group membership information associated with said shared
  - directory account and access privilege information associated with said shared
  - directory account ~~determining group membership affiliations of the user; wherein said~~
  - ~~associating is performed dependent upon said group membership affiliations of the~~
  - ~~user.~~
30. (original) The computer system of claim 28 wherein said associating includes
- correlating a universal local user account access level to a corresponding access level
  - of a group membership of the user.

31. (original) The computer system of claim 28 wherein:  
the universal local user account is one of a plurality of universal local user accounts; and  
each one of said universal local user accounts has a respective access privilege level associated therewith.
32. (original) The computer system of claim 28 wherein said instructions are further configured for enabling said at least one data processing device to facilitate:  
creating said plurality of universal local user accounts prior to performing said selecting, wherein each one of said universal local user access accounts has a respective access privilege level associated therewith.
33. (canceled)
34. (currently amended) The computer system of claim ~~[[33]]~~32 wherein said user account selection information includes at least one of directory services group membership information and access privilege information.
35. (currently amended) The computer system of claim ~~[[33]]~~32 wherein said selecting the universal user account includes correlating a universal local user account access level to an access level of a group membership of the user.
36. (canceled)
37. (canceled)
38. (original) The computer system of claim 28 wherein several users can be simultaneously mapped to the universal local user account for enabling simultaneous access by each one of said users to the computer system.